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LETTER DATED 14 DECEMBER 1992 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter dated 10 December 1992 (S/24900/Add.2) and in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992) of 9 October 1992, I should like to share with the Council further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 10 and 12 December 1992, there appear to have been 6 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 3 of that resolution. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are attached as an annex to the present letter.

All confirmed violations were immediately protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

Annex

Flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force
(10-12 December 1992)

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
300	10 December	1020	-	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 12658, was observed by a United Nations Military Observer (UNMO) departing from Zaluzani airfield. The UNMO was informed that this was a training mission; however, he was unable to confirm this.	South-west Slow 150
301	10 December	-	1535	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 12655, was observed by an UNMO flying over Zaluzani airfield at 1523. This helicopter returned to the airfield and landed at 1535. The UNMO was informed that this was a MEDEVAC mission; however, he was unable to confirm this.	North-east Slow 100 feet
302	11 December	0817	0827	AWACS detected an aircraft 10 miles north of Doboj. The aircraft flew south along the river Bosna to a position 4 miles north of Doboj and was manoeuvring. The speed indicated that it was probably a helicopter.	South Slow Low
303	11 December	0824	0828	AWACS detected an aircraft 7 miles south-west of Zaluzani airfield near the city of Banja Luka. It flew north-east to a position 3 miles south-west of Zaluzani airfield, where it faded from radar coverage. The speed indicated that this aircraft was probably a helicopter.	North-east Slow Low
304	11 December	1027	-	A Gazelle helicopter, tail number 12655, was observed by UNMOs departing Zaluzani airfield. The UNMOs were informed that it was on a MEDEVAC mission; however, this could not be confirmed. No ordnance was observed.	East Slow 200 feet

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
305	12 December	1255	1455	AWACS tracked an aircraft from 10 nm east of Sanski Most, at 1401, to 10 nm west of Banja Luka at 1406. The slow speed of this track was compatible with that of a helicopter. A Gazelle helicopter was observed departing and later landing at Zaluzani airfield by an UNMO. The aircraft tracked by AWACS and the helicopter observed by the UNMO correlate in time and position and are therefore thought to be the same aircraft. The UNMO was informed that the helicopter was on a MEDEVAC mission; however, he had no way of confirming this. The helicopter was carrying two passengers, who were both armed. The helicopter was not fitted with weapon pylons.	East Slow 200 feet